

Seminole County Community Assistance Rental & Utility Deposits Program

This program is in the form of a grant up to a maximum award of \$2,000 to households in danger of becoming homeless or that are currently homeless as a result of the inability to pay security and/or utility deposits when seeking residence in Seminole County rental housing. The funds can be utilized to pay for rental security and utility deposits which include the following items; rental security, key deposit/fee, cleaning deposit/fee, and utility deposits in the name of the applicant or co-applicant for the power, gas, water, sewer or trash.

At a minimum, the following criteria must be met in order to be determined eligible:

- household annual gross income must be at or below 80% of the area median income (see chart below);
- household must provide documentation of either being homeless or in danger of becoming homeless as a result of the inability to pay security and/or utility deposits when seeking residence in rental housing by providing one of the following documents;
 - a. court eviction within the last year; or
 - b. foreclosure notification within the last year; or
 - c. documentation from City or County Code Enforcement stating current housing is substandard housing; or
 - d. notarized Homeless Affidavit (document provided by Community Assistance Office); or
 - e. referral from a homeless shelter; or
 - f. notice of no lease renewal from landlord; or
 - g. Hardship Letter documenting loss of income, need to move into an affordable unit and documentation of current monthly rent (current lease).
 - h. In addition, domestic violence shelter referrals must provide a denial letter for victims crime compensation funding.
- rental unit must be located within Seminole County;
- monthly rent charged on the unit cannot exceed the current fair market rent (FMR) for Seminole County (see chart below); and
- monthly rent charged on the unit must be at or below 30% of the household's maximum income level.

Median Income Level

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maximum Extremely Low Income Level	\$12,250	\$14,000	\$15,750	\$17,450	\$18,850	\$20,250	\$21,650	\$23,050
Maximum Very-Low Income Level	\$20,400	\$23,300	\$26,200	\$29,100	\$31,450	\$33,800	\$36,100	\$38,450
Maximum Low Income Level	\$32,600	\$37,250	\$41,900	\$46,550	\$50,300	\$54,000	\$57,750	\$61,450

Fair Market Rent (FMR)

Unit Size	Studio	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Maximum Rent	\$753	\$819	\$936	\$1,172	\$1,380

Applications will be accepted starting January 10, 2012, which is subject to close at anytime pending funding availability. Applications will be available at the Seminole County Community Assistance office or online at www.seminolecountyfl.gov/commsrsvs/commasst/. Once completed the applications may be submitted by mail or in person to the Seminole County Community Assistance office. This office is located at 534 West Lake Mary Boulevard; Sanford, Florida 32773 and may be contacted at (407) 665-2360 for more information.